

Statement of Substance of Interview

[0003] Examiner Rutledge graciously met with me—the undersigned representative for the Applicant—on March 2, 2009. Applicant greatly appreciates the Examiner’s willingness to talk. Such willingness is invaluable to each of us in our common goal of an expedited prosecution of this patent application.

[0004] During the interview, we discussed overcoming the rejections based on 35 U.S.C. § 101, in light of recent court decisions. Without conceding the propriety of the rejections and in the interest of expediting prosecution, we discussed possible amendments clarifying patentable subject matter. We also discussed possible amendments to the specification and a replacement Figure 1.

[0005] I understood the Examiner to tentatively concur with the proposed amendment to independent claim 23, subject to review upon filing.

[0006] Applicant herein amends the claims, specification, and Figure 1 in the manner discussed during the interview. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the pending claims are allowable over the cited art of record for at least the reasons discussed during the interview and that the application is in condition for allowance.